

Yunnan lake newt

The **Yunnan lake newt** (*Cynops wolterstorffi*) is an extinct species of newt in the family Salamandridae, and was also known as **Wolterstorff's newt**.^[2] It was only found near the Kunming Lake in Yunnan, China. It was found in shallow lake waters and adjacent freshwater habitats. Despite extensive surveys, it has not been seen since 1979, and is therefore considered extinct. The reasons for its extinction are believed to be habitat loss, pollution, and introduced species.^[1]

Etymology

The specific name *wolterstorffi* honours Willy Wolterstorff, German geologist and herpetologist.^[3]

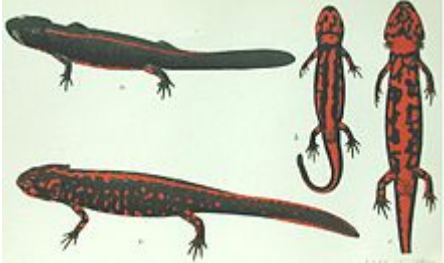
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Conservation status

Extinct

EW

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EN

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Extinct (1979) (IUCN 3.1)^[1]

Scientific classification

Kingdom:

Animalia

Phylum:

Chordata

Class:

Amphibia

Order:

Urodela

Family:

Salamandridae

Genus:

Cynops

Species:

†*C. wolterstorffi*

Binomial name

†*Cynops wolterstorffi*
(Boulenger, 1905)

Synonyms

Molge wolterstorffi Boulenger, 1905

Hypselotriton wolterstorffi (Boulenger, 1905)

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